

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
3/8/11**

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The Board of Selectmen met in the Town Hall, Joseph F. Bilotta Meeting Room as scheduled with Paula Bertram, Steven M. deBettencourt, Ernie Sund, Tom Alonzo, Dave Matthews and Town Manager Kerry Speidel present. Meeting opened at 7:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Tom extended congratulations to Ruth Green and expressed appreciation to the Council on Aging and Doreen Noble for coordinating the presentation of the Boston Post Cane event recognizing Ruth as Lunenburg's oldest resident.

Welcomed back Ofc. Omar Connor to the Police Force, although he hasn't had the opportunity to speak with him, he has fully recovered from his injuries in the interview that he saw.

Sad note, two deaths Vera McCarthy passed away on Sunday, she was an active member of the Nashua Valley Council of the Boy Scouts of America and served on its Executive Committee and as Chairperson to the Membership Committee and was a longtime member of the North Worcester Chamber of Commerce. She has written the column "Observation Point" for the Lunenburg Ledger Newspaper for the past year, something that has given her great joy. She was a member of St. Boniface Church in Lunenburg as well as a member of the Lunenburg Historical Commission. She worked as the secretary at the Thomas C. Passios Elementary School for many years.

Also recognized the passing of William McMunn; his diverse work background included electronics firms in the greater Boston area, and many years at the former Reed Rolled Thread Die Co. in Holden. After his retirement from Reed he worked as a Cemetery Superintendent, courier driver, and school bus driver for the last ten years until he reached the age of 70. Bill was instrumental in the establishment of the Mossman Teen Center of Lunenburg, was at the ground floor of the Lunenburg Ledger weekly newspaper and was an activist for many causes and a fervent member of Town Meeting.

Expressed condolences to family and friends on their passing.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**APPOINTMENTS**

**CURRENT BUSINESS**

1. **Joint Session with Conservation Commission – Lake Whalom; Lake Shirley; Automation of Gates at Lake Shirley Dam and Pleasant Street Enhancement (Landfill Sand/Gravel RFP)** – tabled until March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

2. **Ambulance Fee Abatement** – Kerry presented the attached request from the Fire Chief as the resident is deceased and leaves no estate that we are able to collect from.

Ernie motion to abate the ambulance fees as outlined, Steve seconded voted unanimously to abate.

3. **Minutes** – Board of Selectmen regular and executive session for 3/1/11 reviewed and signed.

**Warrants** – #49 11, 3/8/11 - \$233,857.79 reviewed and signed.

**Action File Issues** – Paula two Eagle Scout ceremonies would like to know if any members of the board will be able to attend either ceremony.

Also present were four Boy Scouts from Troop 1728 and they are present to earn their Citizenship in the Community Badge.

4. **Committee Updates -**

- Dave School Committee met last Wednesday, some changes were made to Superintendent budget to bring it more in line with the Town manager's budget. They had discussed the possibility of additional funding that may be obtained from the town side of the budget. He noted that there are a lot of challenges on the town side and as such will not make the \$600,000 gap between the Superintendent's budget and Town Manager's budget a burden on the town side of the budget. They will have to look at their current negotiations and we'll have to look at health care savings as a way to bridge the gap.
- Kerry provided the attached information on future agenda items and will provide the individual department requests to the board.
- Tom noted that there doesn't seem to be a lot of discussion around the budget and what the state of the budget is, would like to know what isn't happening that may be happening as a result of budget cuts. Noted the Pavement Management Plan, the school roofs and just because these issues are not in the budget, they've got to be there sometime. Also noted that the Finance Committee met this last week with the budgets presented from the Library, Police, Fire and Board of Health.

- Paula questioned where we stand with the IMA for Sewer and if Kerry could check on this, we are currently awaiting the next draft of the IMA.

## **5. Department Updates - None**

## **6. Town Manager Updates** – Kerry reminded everyone that the warrant for the Town Meeting closes @ 4:00 PM, Monday, March 14, 2011.

Also presented the attached snow expenditures to date; currently about \$25,000 deficit. We are allowed by state law to carry the deficit, hopefully we will be able to fund through transfers from other departments for this fiscal year.

Also noted that all of the painting in the town hall has taken place through the Worcester County Sheriff's Work Release Program and believes that we've seen a benefit of about \$10,000. We will continue to use the crew for painting and moving projects as we move through the renovation process.

Broadband Summit taking place in Northhampton... Selectmen Alonzo is the board's representative to this project.

Also has three copies of the updated Open Space Plan from Marion Benson, Planning Board Director, board doesn't approve but accepts that this is available. Will try to get an electronic copy available and will place on the website.

Group of staff met today with our website consultants, Qsend and discussed overall design of the sight and we are going to put together a mock up of what the staff thought was the best of all of those. Identified May 1<sup>st</sup> as a go live date, hope to have a brief presentation ready for Town Meeting. They have already taken all of our content and installed it in a dummy site. Right now in the process of setting up the website and exciting to hear how quickly we may be able to accomplish this.

Ernie note the Assessor's GIS that is also a link on the Town's website, very user friendly and an informative site.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Paula discussed the issue on the Public Hearing on Health Care scheduled for today at the State House and for the record; want it noted that she is not in favor of that legislation.

## **COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS**

1. **Resignation: Steve Marsden, Green Community Task Force** – board accepted with regrets, letter of appreciation to be sent. Tom noted that because of the changes in the Conflict of Interest Law and the fine line that volunteers have to abide by, we now lose an individual with beneficial expertise.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. **M.G.L. Chapter 39, §23B( ) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the government's bargaining or litigation position.**

## **UPCOMING MEETING SCHEDULE**

March 15, 2011

March 22, 2011

Being no further business board voted unanimously to adjourn Regular Session at 7:30 P.M. and convened Executive Session at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Williams, Chief Administrative Assistant  
Board of Selectmen

# TOWN OF LUNENBURG, MASSACHUSETTS FIRE DEPARTMENT

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**SELECTMEN'S OFFICE**

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## MEMORANDUM

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**TO: KERRY SPEIDEL TOWN MANAGER**  
**FROM: CHIEF SCOTT F. GLENNY**  
**SUBJECT: UNCOLLECTABLE AMBULANCE FEES**

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Kerry,

Attached please find outstanding balance for an individual that we picked up frequently with the ambulance. She is deceased and there is no estate. I ask that I be allowed to have the billing company write these off as uncollectible. Thank you. Scott

<u>CALL NUMBER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>CHARGES</u>	<u>CREDITS</u>	<u>PAYMENT DATE</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
LB05127	From 439 TOWNSEND HARBOR RD To LEOMINSTER HOSPITAL	595.00			595.00
LB051515	From 439 TOWNSEND HARBOR RD To LEOMINSTER HOSPITAL	595.00			595.00
LB05170	From 439 TOWNSEND HARBOR RD To NASHOBA VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER	625.00			625.00
LB053839	From 439 TOWNSEND HARBOR RD To LEOMINSTER HOSPITAL	595.00			595.00
LB05962	From 439 TOWNSEND HARBOR RD To NASHOBA VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER	575.00			575.00
LB061600	From 439 TOWNSEND HARBOR RD To LEOMINSTER HOSPITAL	595.00			595.00
LB061653	From 439 TOWNSEND HARBOR RD To LEOMINSTER HOSPITAL	595.00			595.00
LB06742	From 439 TOWNSEND HARBOR RD To NASHOBA VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER TUFTS - TUFTS HEALTH PLAN 9163	590.00	74.28	10/12/2006	515.72

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<u>ACCOUNT AGING</u>		<u>CHARGES</u>	<u>CREDITS</u>	<u>PAYMENT DATE</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>31 TO 60 DAYS</u>	<u>61 TO 90 DAYS</u>	<u>OVER 90 DAYS</u>		
LB06945	From 439 TOWNSEND HARBOR RD To LEOMINSTER HOSPITAL TUFTS - TUFTS HEALTH PLAN 9163	545.00	83.54	08/15/2006	461.46
LB06977	From 439 TOWNSEND HARBOR RD To LEOMINSTER HOSPITAL TUFTS - TUFTS HEALTH PLAN 9163	595.00	95.55	08/24/2006	499.45
LB06979	From 439 TOWNSEND HARBOR RD To LEOMINSTER HOSPITAL TUFTS - TUFTS HEALTH PLAN 9163	545.00	83.54	08/15/2006	461.46
LB053958	From 439 TOWNSEND HARBOR RD To LEOMINSTER HOSPITAL	770.00			770.00

SNOW EXPENDITURES TO DATE (3/3/11)							
	SUPPLIES	CONTRACTED SERVICE	HIRED EQUIPMENT	OVERTIME	TOTALS		
APPROPRIATION:	\$ 170,000.00	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 17,500.00	\$ 250,000.00		
EXPENDED:	\$ 123,023.59	\$ 111,703.20	\$ 4,932.00	\$ 35,533.23	\$ 275,192.02		
BALANCE:	\$ 46,976.41	\$ (56,703.20)	\$ 2,568.00	\$ (18,033.23)	\$ (25,192.02)		